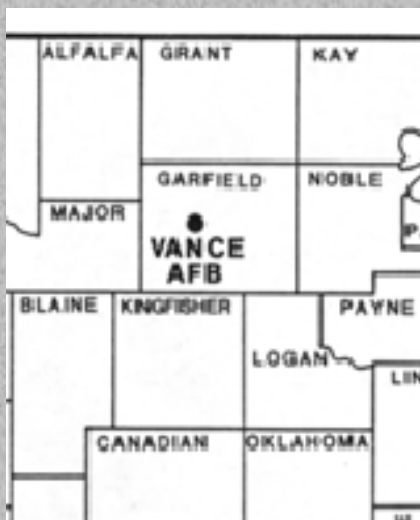


ARE YOU READY FOR A TORNADO?

The purpose of this pamphlet is to prepare you for the events before, during and after a tornado. Each year about 1,000 tornadoes touched down in the U.S. Oklahoma ranks #1 in the country for the highest average number of tornadoes a year (greater than 15 tornadoes per 1,000 square miles). Only a small percentage actually strike occupied buildings, but every year people are killed and injured because of these violent windstorms. The most important thing you can do to protect yourself and your family is stay informed and start planning now. Team Vance hopes you read and understand the information in this guide, and share it with your co-workers, friends, and family members. Preplanning and preparedness could save your life and the lives of your family members and friends.

Vance AFB, Garfield County Severe Weather Reference Map



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Tornado Information



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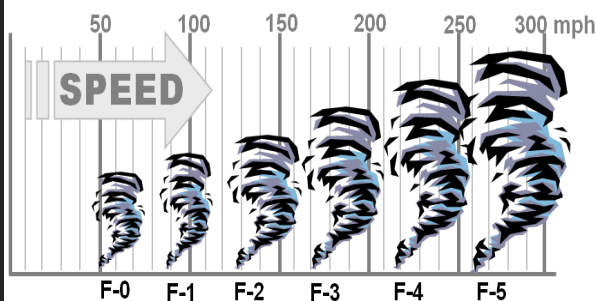
Tornado Terminology

Tornado Watch: identifies areas where tornadoes and other kinds of severe weather (lightning, hail, flash flooding, and wind) are possible in the next several hours. When a watch is issued remind family members and office personnel where the safest places within the building are located, and listen to the radio or TV for further developments.

Tornado Warning: means a tornado has been spotted. Immediate urgency for sheltering and safety precautions is of the utmost importance.

Did you Know?

Tornado paths are usually less than 10 miles in length. 91% of tornadoes are F-2 or smaller. While tornadoes F-3 and larger are more destructive, they give more warning time prior to forming. Most tornadoes occur in May and June between 5pm and 7pm out of the West-Southwest.



What you can do Now

Create survival kits for your home and/or office and brief all family members and co-workers on exact locations within your home/office to take cover.

Survival Kit should include at minimum:

- Food, water, camp stove
- Battery-powered radio (extra batteries)
- Flashlights/lanterns (extra batteries/fuel)
- Blankets and warm clothing
- First aid kit

Once a Tornado Watch is Announced

Monitor Base Crash Net, base pager system, NOAA weather radios, and radio stations: KGWA (AM 960), KCRC (AM 1390), KXLS (FM 95.7), KMMZ (FM 96.9), KNID (FM 99.7), and DOFM (FM 103.1). Those with any of the Enid Cable systems can monitor channels 4, 5, 9, 11, or 32.

Secure all moveable objects in the vicinity of your home/office (i.e. Bicycles, toys, lawn mowers, etc).

Locate your children and restrict them to the close vicinity of your home.

Brief all family members on the exact location within your home to take cover.

Those members living in mobile home, driving a vehicle, or outside should move to a safer place of shelter.

NOTE: Occasionally, tornadoes develop so rapidly that advance warning is not possible. Remain alert for signs of an approaching tornado. Signs are dark, greenish sky, large hail, wall cloud, and a loud roaring sound similar to a freight train.

Once a Tornado Warning is Announced

–Continue to monitor Base Crash Net and the radio/TV–

•**TAKE COVER:** Once the warning has been issued take **IMMEDIATE PROTECTIVE ACTIONS!** If your children are at school leave them there. The school has plans to protect the children in the event of a tornado.

IMMEDIATE PROTECTIVE ACTIONS

- Shelter in a storm cellar or basement. If one of these is not available, protect yourself by taking cover in a small, interior room, preferably without windows (i.e. inner hallway or closet). Get under a sturdy piece of furniture and cover yourself with a mattress or blankets to protect against flying/falling objects.
- If you are in your vehicle, never try to out-drive a tornado. Get out of your vehicle and lie in a ditch or culvert as far away from your vehicle as possible. Do not lie under power lines or telephone poles.
- Personnel living in dormitories or unaccompanied officer housing at Vance AFB should move immediately to the smallest room within the quarters and if possible the lowest level of the building.

After a Tornado is Over

–Continue to monitor Base Crash Net and the radio/TV–

- Help injured or trapped persons.
- Use the telephone for emergency calls only.
- DO NOT go near downed electrical lines, but do report them.
- Leave the building if you smell gasoline, propane, or chemical fumes.
- Avoid using water from the tap if sewage and water lines are damaged.
- Safety is paramount to all recovery actions.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

BASE INFO LINE: 580-213-5100

BASE COMMAND POST: 580-213-5379

OFF BASE EMERGENCY: 911 FOR POLICE,
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